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for several years. As a special treat for Troop 101, during the service, Akins welcomed five of the original Boy Scouts from the group that first met in 1960: Joe Cook, Kenneth West, Jim Cook, Rob Patterson and Bo

Conley. Akins also presented First UMC Scouting Coordinator Jeremy Bruce with a photo of Troop 101 from 1960, along with a copy of the original charter. Troop 101 will hang

the charter in their newly constructed Scout Hut, recently provided by First UMC to replace their old meeting place that had seen better days. Akins highlighted some of the accomplishments of Troop 101 charter members who had become community leaders and successful individuals over the years, and

he challenged the Boy Scouts present to continue doing great things in the footsteps of their forebears. "What a special day to have people from the original charter to be here to celebrate this day," said First UMC Pastor Mark Burgess. "Bud, your message was heard. Young men, look at the men

that you will become. You are the leaders of the future of our community and our world." Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris was also recognized during the service, as he was part of the second wave of Boy Scouts in Union County. "The BSA's goal is to train youth in responsible

citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations," according to Scouting.org.



Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Boy Scout Sunday is a time for scouts to serve the church. The First United Methodist Church of Union County is the sponsor of Troop 101.



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The 2018 BSA Troop 101 with Cub Pack 101, five charter members from 1960, Bud Akins and Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris.